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In re Patent Application of:  
Chandra Mouli

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For: HIGH GAIN, LOW NOISE, PHOTODIODE  
SENSOR FOR IMAGE SENSORS AND  
METHOD OF FORMATION

Examiner: Steven Ho Yin Loke

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 21, 2006, Applicant hereby elects Species 1, with traverse. At least claims 1-18 and 20-37 read on Species 1.

The examiner has required that Applicant elects between Species 1, claims reading on FIG. 2 and Species 2, claims reading on FIG. 6. As noted by the examiner, at least claim 1 is generic. Upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims that depend from or otherwise incorporate all the limitation of an allowable generic claim. 37 CFR 1.141.

Applicants respectfully submit that since claim 1 is generic and claim 19 is the only claim of Species 2, claim 19 could be examined with the rest of the claims without

serious burden. See MPEP § 803. Specifically, a search for the subject matter of the Species 1 claims would necessarily require searching the subject matter of claim 19. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner consider claim 19 along with the other claims pending in this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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